

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this Response and Amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request the two amendments to the Specification be entered. The first amendment is to include a paragraph cross-referencing related applications, and the other is for entry of Replacement Page 28, previously provided. Replacement Page 28 reflects the correct Table 3, which was contained in the priority applications. The scope of the invention does not change by insertion of Replacement Page 28.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 42, and new Claims 43 through 48 are pending. Claims 4-6 and 9-41 are canceled, without prejudice.

The now pending Claims are directed to anti-soiling hard surface detergent compositions, as well as methods for cleaning and/or desoiling hard surfaces using anti-soiling compositions.

The previously pending Claims stood rejected under 35 U.S.C §102(b) as being anticipated by Kondo *et al.*, US 5,965,649, (“Kondo”), or under 35 U.S.C §103 as being unpatentable over Deak *et al.*, US 6,972,279, (“Deak”). Neither Kondo nor Deak are directed to a composition, or use thereof, for cleaning hard surfaces. Kondo is directed to use of compositions for use for skin or hair, while Deak describes treatment agents for cleaning fabric articles, especially articles of clothing, linens, and drapery. Neither reference describes or suggests the anti-soiling characteristics of the claimed composition nor the use in cleaning hard surfaces.

The claimed compositions contain certain percentages of a polyetheramide-modified organopolysiloxane, at least one type of surfactant, a metal chelating agent, water, and at least one of a thickener or a water-soluble solvent. The claimed method of cleaning and/or desoiling a hard surface uses a composition containing a polyetheramide-modified organopolysiloxane, at least one type of surfactant, a metal chelating agent, water, and optionally one or both of a

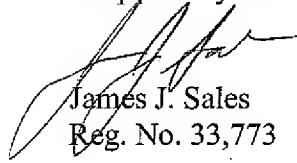
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thickener or a water-soluble solvent. Nothing in the two cited references separately, or even combined, make unpatentable the composition or method Claims.

Applicants believe the now pending Claims 1-3, 7, 8, and 42-48 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request indication of such.

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